

The War Years (1941-1945)

This era is marked by national security needs to protect timber supplies – critical for the war effort and the significant contributions the Forest Service provided to the military.

CURRENT ACRES
IN FOREST
SYSTEM LANDS

179,380,866

1941 - World's first jet aircraft designed.

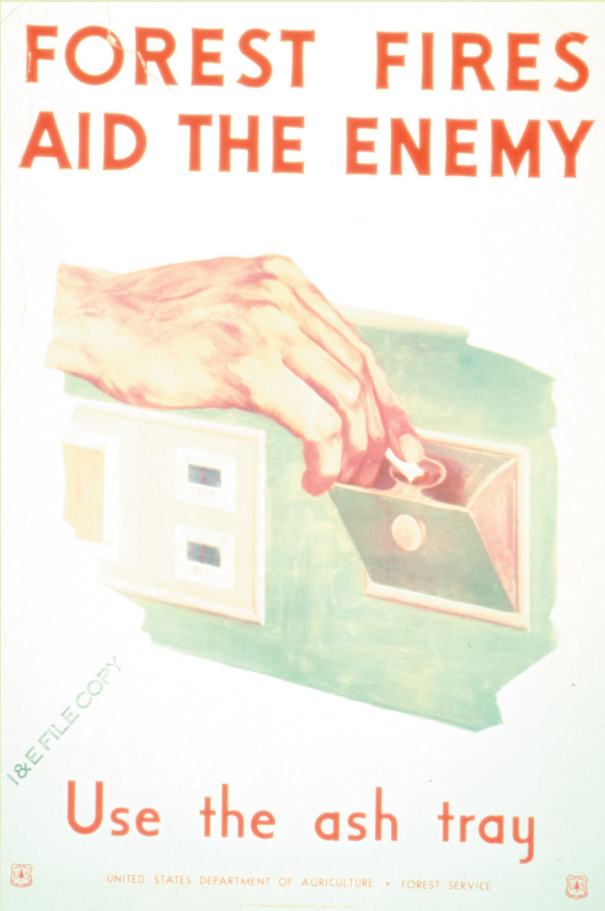
WORLD WAR II
1939 – 1945



TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with ^{that} the nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after Japanese air



1944–Smokey Bear was created by an advertising agency. Albert Staehle, a nationally known artist was asked to paint the first bear. In 1946, Rudolph "Rudy" Wendelin returned to the Forest Service after serving in the Navy and became the "caretaker of the Smokey Bear image."

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Harry S. Truman



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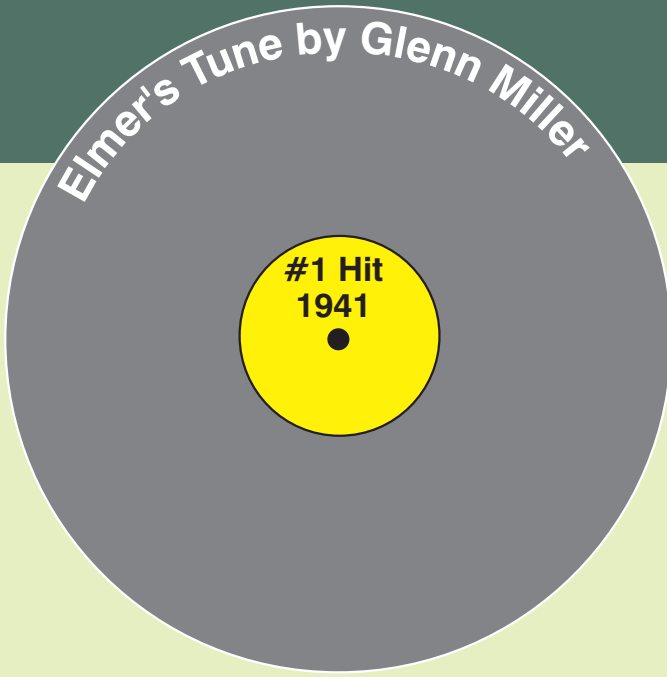
1944

1945



Lyle F. Watts

Chiefs of the Forest Service



Timber became a vital resource to the war effort. Its primary use was for crates to ship military supplies; but other important uses were for bridges, railroad ties, gunstocks, ships, docks, barracks and other buildings and aircraft.



Photocopying was invented by Chester F. Carlson in 1942.

Lyle Ford Watts, seventh chief of the Forest Service, was born in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, in 1890. He was a graduate of the Iowa State College School of Forestry earning both the B.S. in Forestry in 1913 and the Master of Forestry degree in 1928. He entered the Forest Service in 1913.

Much of Watts' attention focused on planning what the national forests and the Forest Service would be like after the war. The aftermath of the war saw many of the GIs going back to college, with the fields of professional forestry and engineering taking many candidates through to graduation. Watts encouraged the Forest Service to hire these new graduates to assist in the development of forest road systems and intensively managed, sustained yield forests.



1944 - a mechanical cotton picker is invented. Now only 5% of the cotton crop will be picked by hand.



After much lobbying by the National Ski Patrol, Congress formed the 10th Mountain Division to protect the Country in the event of a homeland invasion and to fight against the German's ski troops. The 10th trained at Mt. Rainier National Park and the White River National Forest. After the war, returning soldiers launched the modern ski industry.



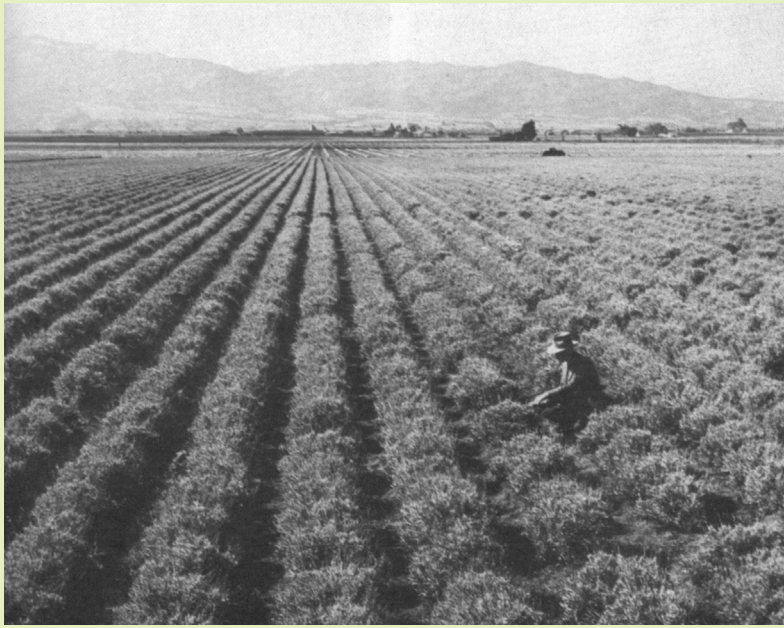
TUNA NOODLE CASSEROLE

One of Campbell's best, introduced in the 1940s, served often in the 1950s.

Cook some noodles, like flat egg noodles. Dump on a can of Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup and a half cup of milk. Add a package of frozen peas. Add 12-ounces of canned tuna. Mix together in a casserole dish and bake for 20 minutes at 400 degrees. Smash some saltines up (or mix 2 Tbls. bread crumbs with 1 Tbls. melted butter) and sprinkle on top. Bake five more minutes until lightly browned.



1942 - Bing Crosby releases "White Christmas," from the film Holiday Inn.



In World War II, to make up for enemy-held sources of rubber in southeast Asia, the Forest Service supervised the conversion of areas in Salinas Valley, California and Texas, to grow guayule, a desert shrub, for rubber production.

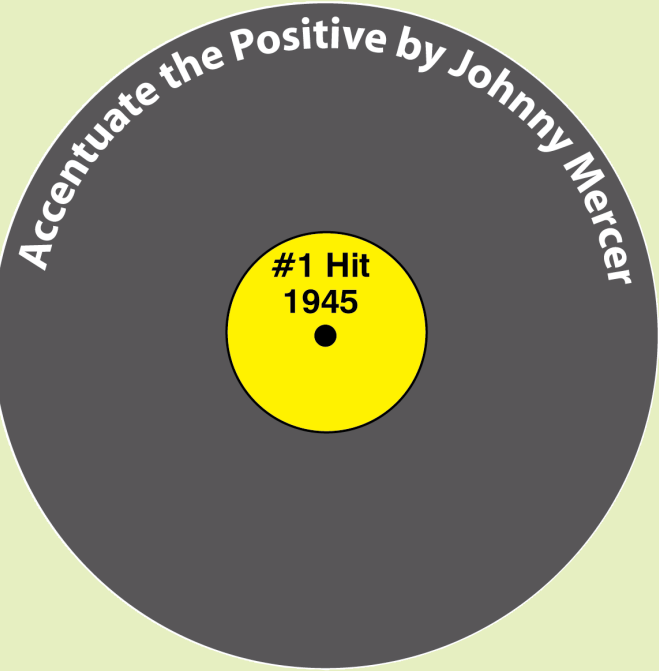


- 1941 - On the Radio
- The Great Gildersleeve
 - The Life of Riley
 - The Red Skelton Show
 - The Shadow
 - Rin-Tin-Tin

1942 – The CCC era ended and the program was eliminated.



Original Slinky®
Invented in 1945



During WWII American citizens of Japanese descent were held in internment camps, some were built on National Forest System lands.